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SUBJECT: SEABEE MATTERS

TEHRAN AND KUWAIT FOR RSO; BEIRUT FOR RSS, OIC & CPOIC RTC
SEABEE TEAM

1. FOUR SEABEE POSITIONS ARE PRESENTLY STAFFED ON THE RTC IN BEIRUT. PO BOGGESS IS TRANSFERRING OUT OF THE UNIT THIS MONTH LEAVING THREE INDIVIDUALS.
2. BU1 WEST, WITHOUT DEPENDENTS, IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO REMAIN IN BEIRUT, BUCS MORROW TO INITIATE THE SEABEE PROGRAM IN TUNIS.
3. IN COMPLIANCE WITH NAVY REGULATIONS; SCHOOLING REQUIREMENTS; AND FUTURE TRANSFERS OF PERSONNEL SHORTLY AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF 1976, CE1 C. D. SMITH WILL BE EITHER RETURNED TO NSU TO COMPLETE HIS NSU TOUR ON TDY ASSIGNMENTS

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OR TO A FUTURE NSU COMMITMENT PROVIDED ALL CONSTRAINTS ARE

RESOLVED.

4. PETTY OFFICER TRAHAN IS A MECHANIC SPECIFICALLY INVOLVED IN THE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INITIATION OF THIS PROGRAM AT THE RTC IN PANAMA.

5. THE REGIONAL POSITION IN KUWAIT IS SCHEDULED FOR TRANSFER IN MAY 1976. BUC WELLMAN, PRESENTLY OCCUPYING THAT POSITION, IS THE MOST LOGICAL CHOICE TO INITIATE A NEW SEABEE PROGRAM IN TEHRAN. IF A JANUARY VICE MAY TRANSFER COULD BE INITIATED THE REGIONAL SEABEE BILLET IN TEHRAN COULD COMMENCE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE TECHNICAL SECURITY PROGRAM. CHIEF WELLMAN IS EXPERIENCED IN THIS TYPE OF WORK AND WOULD SUPPORT POSTS IN IRAN IN ADDITION TO THE POSTS HE IS PRESENTLY SUPPORTING WHICH WOULD PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE WORKLOAD WITHOUT SACRIFICE TO THE OVERALL SECURITY PROGRAM.

6. BUC WELLMAN AND WIFE WOULD BE ENTITLED TO CONSULTATION IN THE U.S. BETWEEN SUCH AN OVERSEAS PERMANENT DUTY STATION TRANSFER TO ANOTHER SUCH STATION. HOWEVER, THE SHORT MOVE OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND EFFECTS WOULD GREATLY OFFSET ANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE FINANCIALLY.

7. UNLESS SERIOUS ADVERSE FACTORS EXIST WHICH ARE PRESENTLY UNKNOWN IN DEPARTMENT, STEPS WILL BE INITIATED FOR A JANUARY TRANSFER OF BUC WELLMAN TO TEHRAN WITH CONSULTATION AT DEPARTMENT ENROUTE. KISSINGER

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